

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 405

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Cindy Perry upon being named Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee's Prevention Advocate of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those estimable public servants who, through an unflagging commitment to the best interests of children, have distinguished themselves as leaders in juvenile advocacy; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Cindy Perry, who was recently selected as Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee's Prevention Advocate of the Year; Mrs. Perry has dedicated her career to professional roles in health, child welfare, and social welfare program management for more than twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, as Executive Director of the Select Committee on Children and Youth of the Tennessee General Assembly since 1997, Mrs. Perry has assisted in promoting, planning, developing, and prioritizing comprehensive guidelines, programs, services, and actions designed to ensure the present and future health and welfare of Tennessee's children; and

WHEREAS, her duties include arranging and coordinating committee hearings and activities, as well as assisting and advising committee members with inquiries on current and best practice in child welfare policy development; she also aids constituents as requested by legislators with issues and problems in accessing information and services for children and families; and

WHEREAS, a native of Virginia, Cindy Perry has resided in Tennessee for almost thirty years; she received her bachelor's in social work and a master's in health education, both from Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, prior to Mrs. Perry's illustrious career with the Select Committee on Children and Youth, she served as Family Preservation Coordinator for Mid-Cumberland Community Services Agency, as the Mid-Cumberland Regional Coordinator for the Tennessee Commission

on Children and Youth, as a Public Health Representative for the Tennessee Department of Health, as Program Director for the Harriett Cohn Mental Health Center, and as a Social Services Counselor for the Tennessee Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, relentless in her pursuit to provide advocacy for abused and neglected children, Cindy Perry is an extremely giving citizen who is compelled to reach out with compassion to those whom life has treated unkindly; she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, professional achievements aside, Cindy Perry is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her husband and two children, Jacob and Jennie; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Perry has distinguished herself as a public-spirited servant of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the community and the good people of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this General Assembly, Cindy Perry is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Cindy Perry upon her selection as Prevent Child Abuse Tennessee's Prevention Advocate of the Year, as we recognize her commitment to advocacy for abused and neglected children and commend her honorable and astute service to the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.